

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Remarks

Claims 1-14, 19-22, 24, 25, and 33 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in divisional or continuation applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with thanks that claims 23, 26-32, and 34-36 are allowed.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 15-18 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 15-18 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/119,354. Claims 15-18 in the '354 application were cancelled by a preliminary amendment filed on April 29, 2005. Accordingly, the rejection is moot.

Application of Issue Fee

Applicants respectfully request that the Issue Fee paid on April 18, 2005, in the amount of \$700 and the fee for 10 extra copies of the patent in the amount of \$30 be applied to the future Issue Fee due and fee for 10 extra copies.

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Conclusion

Pending claims 15-18, 23, 26-32, and 34-36 are allowable. Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance.

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